

Assessing the Situation-Winter 2019

My staff and I hope that 2019 brings you good health and prosperity. We look forward to, as always, being your resource for property tax information and assisting you, whenever we can, with exemptions and appeals.

This year we will be experiencing the triennial reassessment for all properties in Elk Grove Township. As of this publication, we have not been informed as to when the reassessment notices will be sent out. When you receive this notice from the Cook County Assessor, you will have 30 days in which to file an appeal. If you need assistance with researching comparable properties and filing your appeal, we are here to help you through the process. When we receive notice from the county assessor, we will send out an email and/or call to those taxpayers who have given us their email or phone numbers. If you would like to be included in these notifications, call our office at 847-437-0300, ask for the Assessor's office and my staff will put you on our list.

Your second opportunity to appeal will follow approximately 90-120 days later when the Cook County Board of Review opens for appeals. Again, we'll send out notifications regarding when we are open for appeals and the deadline to file your appeal. We will also hold outreach programs with both the Cook County Assessor's office and the Board of Review.

By the time this newsletter reaches your residences, the applications for Senior and Senior Freeze exemptions should have arrived in your mailboxes. If you have not received your application, please come in and my staff will assist you. These exemptions must be applied for every year. If you have questions regarding your qualifications and what documents to bring, please call or come in.

Please check your second installment tax bill to make sure you're getting the homeowners exemption. This applies only to your principle residence. This exemption will reduce your assessed value by \$10,000.

There are other exemptions available to the disabled, returning veterans, disabled veterans and more. The veteran's exemptions are generally renewable in March. For additional information you will find www.cookcountyassessor.com a helpful tool.